

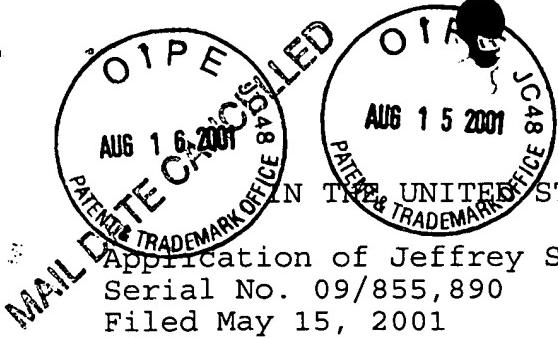
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Amend B



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT B

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Prior to substantive examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please replace claim 1 with the following:

1. Footwear comprising a sole having:

(a) a heel section for supporting a heel of the foot, said heel section having medial and lateral regions, at least a portion of the lateral region of the heel section having an overall thickness corresponding to a full thickness of the sole in said portion of the lateral region of the heel section and providing a first compressive resilience for attenuating the shock of impact to the wearer during running and walking;

(b) an arch section forward of the heel section for supporting an arch of the foot, said arch section having medial and lateral regions, and at least a portion of the medial region of the arch section having an overall thickness corresponding to a full thickness of the sole in said portion of the medial region of the arch section and providing a second compressive resilience harder than said first compressive resilience for providing firm support for the foot during running and walking; and

(c) a forefoot section forward of the arch section for supporting a ball of the foot including first, second, third, fourth and fifth metatarsal heads and associated metatarsal necks, proximal phalanges and metatarsal phalangeal joints, said forefoot